



Ohio Union Council Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2011 – Barbie Tootle Room, Ohio Union

Present: Tim Collins (Chair), Matt Couch (Ex-Officio, Ohio Union Director of Student Activities & Orientation), Eve Esch (Ex-Officio, Director of Ohio Union Events), Dan Huffman (Ex-Officio, Ohio Union Business & Finance), Naomi David (USG), Josh Kohlschmidt for Mallory Workman (USG), Areej Usmani (Student Org w/ Office), Anooj Bhandari (Student Org w/o Office), Clinton Daugherty (Student Employee), Katie Dean Williams (Graduate Administrative Associate Student Employee), Michelle Mudarth (Ex-Officio, President of Ohio Union Activities Board), Ashton (Chair of Council on Student Affairs), Rob Siston (Faculty), Felix Alonso (Student Life Staff), Chuck Claibourne (Alumna), Jim Tootle (Community/Supporter), Kate Christobek (Community/Supporter), Bonnie Weaver-Miller (Parent), Isao Shoji (Community/Supporter), Ann Kneidinger-Flaherty (Parent), Connie Goodman for Brad Myers (At-Large), Gini Curphey (Alumna), Megan Koester (at large)

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. SubCommittee Work

The group adjourned to their respective subcommittee meetings.

Budget & Finance:

Bryan Ashton was elected chair for 2011-2012. The Budget and Finance subcommittee has met twice this year in an effort to help determine the direction of the subcommittee. These meetings included viewing and learning about the Union's financial statements and examining the number of accounts that fall under the Ohio Union. Discussion is beginning as to areas of focus for the remainder of the year.

Events:

Naomi David was elected chair for 2011-2012. The Events subcommittee recently heard Signature Events presentations from the MLK Day of Service and Taste of OSU, a cultural event featuring ethnic and diverse food, music, dance, and displays from a wide variety of Ohio State's multicultural organizations. This year, Taste of OSU has expanded from just the Archie Griffin Grand Ballroom to include rooms and spaces throughout the Union, including a live video feed for the performances. Due to the high costs of production and food this year, Taste of OSU has asked if we would consider dipping into the Signature Events "emergency funds." Events decided that we would make this decision pending more information on their final budget.

Policy:

The Policy Subcommittee elected Bonnie Weaver-Miller as Chair and reviewed the plan for the policies & documents we hope to review and update this year.

III. Future Meetings & Topics

- January 12, 5:30pm – Rosa Ailabouni Room
- February 9, 5:30pm – Barbie Tootle Room
- March 8, 5:30pm – Barbie Tootle Room
- April 12, 5:30pm – Barbie Tootle Room
- May 10, 5:30pm – Barbie Tootle Room
- Jun 7, 5:30pm – Barbie Tootle Room

III. Announcements

- Anooj Bhandari announced the event "Light Up the Lake," an Ohio Staters, Inc. event taking place that night featuring the lighting of thousands of holiday lights around Mirror Lake.